

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for converting automation project data from a proprietary format for automation project data in an automation project or component to a format defined by a standardized meta format, said device comprising:

a conversion apparatus for converting the automation project~~proprietary format~~ data into a defined standardized meta data format;

means for providing the automation project data in the ~~with~~ a defined standardized meta data format for further processing; and

an export/import apparatus for importing and exporting the automation project data in different formats.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, further comprising a data storage apparatus for storing the automation project data in ~~with~~ a defined format.

5. (Previously Presented) An engineering system comprising the device according to claim 1.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)
13. (New) A device according to Claim 1 wherein the standardized meta format comprises XML.